



*From the Editor's Desk*

## **THE ROLE OF AFRICAN JOURNAL OF FETOMATERNAL MEDICINE IN THE FETOMATERNAL MEDICINE SUBSPECIALTY**

Fetomaternal medicine as a formal specialty is relatively new in Nigeria, the main institutions responsible for training specialist in Nigeria and West Africa have developed curricula and are in the process of the implementation. The Association of Fetomaternal Medicine Specialist of Nigeria (AFEMSON) as part of its contribution to the growth of the specialty, inaugurated this journal as the official publication of the association. This is in addition to the associations' conferences and academic seminars.

The journal is intended to publish articles in the field of fetomaternal medicine and it is an initiative to publish and encourage research in the subspecialty. The articles in this first issue addressed conditions related to causes of maternal and perinatal mortality providing new ideas about the prediction, diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of these conditions. Some of the articles have been developed from presentations at the last two conferences of the association.

The editorial team has been selected to ensure that the quality of articles published in this journal meet international standards. The Journal

is Open Access, and we are set to receive articles from Nigeria, Africa, and the larger international community. Details of the scope of publications acceptable are in the appropriate section of the website. The journal will be published regularly and contribute to the provision of evidence for excellence in the practice of fetomaternal medicine.

Our publisher has provided a functional platform for submission and for all the editorial processes to ensure that the journal fulfills its objectives. The editorial team will continue to work hard to improve on all aspects of the editorial process in the interest of the authors. We acknowledge the executives of AFEMSON led by Professor Saturday Etuk for inaugurating and supporting the journal. The journal received funding from New Venture Fund which made it possible to establish the journal and to publish this first issue without charging publication fees. The grant came through Maternal and Reproductive Health Research Collective, an organization headed by Professor Bosede Afolabi as part of the Iyalaju project.

## **EDITORIAL TEAM**